



Callicarpa 'Duet'



Botanical Name:

Callicarpa dichotoma 'Duet'
(NA 72235)

Hardiness:

USDA Zones 5-8. Some winter dieback may occur in colder areas of adaptation.

Development:

'Duet' is a variegated sport of *Callicarpa dichotoma* var. *albafructus* that was discovered in 2000 by Dr. Gary Bachman and Mr. Edgar Davis at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee. It was tested and released by Dr. Sandra Reed of the U.S. National Arboretum.

Significance:

'Duet' was selected for its variegated foliage. It is the first stable variegated beautyberry. Like other *Callicarpa*, its disease and insect tolerant foliage make it an ideal plant for a low maintenance landscape.

Description:

Height and width: 6 feet tall and 6.5 feet wide in 4 years.

Habit: Deciduous, rounded shrub.

Foliage: Medium green with distinct yellow margins.

Flowers & Fruit: Inconspicuous flowers, small white fruit appear in late summer and persist through mid-autumn.

Propagation:

Softwood cuttings root in four weeks under mist with 4000 ppm KIBA.

Landscape Use:

Background planting in the shrub border, specimen plant, deciduous hedge or screen, mass planted in large areas.

Availability:

For a list of wholesale nurseries propagating this plant, contact Dr. Sandra Reed, U.S. National Arboretum, 472 Cadillac Lane, McMinnville, TN 37110
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